

10 August 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, OPERATIONS

SUBJECT: Requirements on USSR

1. Attached hereto are continuing requirements on the USSR prepared by O/RE, O/SI and O/CI. There are also attached for your information the paper from O/RE and a paper from O/PC.

2. In the case of the first three papers mentioned it would be most helpful in moving ahead on an understanding of our requirements problem and in providing guidance for the next compilations on other countries, according to our schedule, if you would be good enough to provide for us the results of an examination of these by your three divisions.

3. It seems to me that the need for priority treatment within these three papers is not the same for your three offices. For example, I should not expect to have collection capability on many of these items. I would suspect the same for FDD. Perhaps these are not in a form most useful to FDD. Again I should expect O/C to have a collection capability on some items, none on others and in the latter case there may be little or no possibility of developing resources with respect to them. Therefore I would appreciate guidance with respect to the real need for priority arrangement in each case. I should think that would be achieved most quickly through your indicating:

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a. By a single asterisk, those items on which each division has current capability.

b. By two asterisks, those for which there is no current capability but where, through planning and the redeployment of resources, there could be developed a capability.

c. Leave unmarked those items in which O/C or its subdivisions would have no real capability whatever.

Further refinement in the priority listings can proceed from that point.

4. I would like to call to your attention the fact that the continuing requirements in these three cases have been established within the framework of DCID 4/2.

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5. While I do not consider the O/PC list very instructive for your purposes I submit it for your information.

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6. It is my view that the helpful memorandum submitted by ☐ of O/EE will in fact be covered by items within the first three papers in question or by the work which is going forward in the Interagency Priorities Committee.

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7. For convenience sake I would suggest that the copy worked on by each of your divisions be returned to me merely marked in ink. I would appreciate receiving them by Wednesday, 15 August.

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